

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I only hope that you will see the reasoning behind what I'm going to say.

To charge the same amount as a flat fee, for everyone accross the board makes no sence at all. It would be the same as charging a flat tax for personal & real estate tax to everyone regardless of their earnings or properties owned. While its great for those who have a decent job & a car to drive. There are far more who have at best a minimum wage job & ride the bus. I realize we arent talking about that kind of tax here, but the thinking really is the same here. I used to think how funny it would be to hold an old cordless phone to my ear while driving my old junker car, just to see the reactions of other drivers. I never did do that, but now I have a cell phone & still drive an older junker car. It seems everybody has a phone, but its unfair to charge the same fees accross the board. It's UNFAIR to charge me in my junker car with a now 4 year old phone, the same as is being charged Corporate America!

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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